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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In Re Application of: Yuzo KIKUCHI

Appln. No. 09/033,909

Date Filed: March 3, 1998

For: FABRIC FOR WELDING

Art Unit: 1764

Examiner: ALEXIS A. WACHTEL

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Washington, D.C.

Atty.'s Docket: KIKUCHI=2

Date: June 30, 2004

Confirmation No. 2662

Honorable Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office 2011 South Clark Place Customer Window, Mail Stop Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03 Arlington, Virginia 22202

Sir:

Trans	mitted herewith is a [X] REPLY: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS	the above-identified application.
[XX]	Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitt	
[]	Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.	
[]	No fee is required.	
[]	The fee has been calculated as shown below:	

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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA EQUALS		
TOTAL	* 11	MINUS	** 20			
INDEP.	* 1	MINUS	*** 6			
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM						

_	SMALL ENTITY					
		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE			
	×	9	\$			
	x	43	\$			
	+	145	\$			
ADDITIONAL FEE TOTAL			\$			

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY								
	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE						
х	18	\$						
х	86	\$						
+	290	\$						
	TOTAL	\$						

- If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
- ** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
- If the "Highest Number Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

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[] Conditional Petition for Extension of Time

If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

[] It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below:

Small Entity				Other Than Small Entity							
Response Filed Within				Response Filed Within							
[] 1	First	-	\$	55.00		Į]	First	-	\$	110.00
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[]	Fourth	-	\$	740.00		ſ]	Fourth	-	\$	1480.00
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[XX] The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR §1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR §1.18.

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Sir:

Replying to the Office Action mailed June 2, 2004, please amend as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.